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SHOOTING

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Target Shooting Information

General Rules

Recreational shooting has been a longtime use of the National Forests and Grasslands. There are no designated shooting areas on the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests and Pawnee National Grassland.

According to the Code of Federal Regulations (title 36), recreational shooting can take place on National Forests and Grasslands under these conditions:

1. You are at least 150 yards from a residence, building, campsite, developed recreation area or occupied area.
2. You are not shooting across or on a National Forest System Road or adjacent body of water.
3. You are not shooting in any manner or place where any person or property is exposed to injury or damage as a result of such discharge.
4. You are not firing any tracer bullet or incendiary ammunition or using exploding targets.

Target Restrictions

- On the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests and Pawnee National Grassland you may only shoot at cardboard targets, paper targets, manufactured metallic targets (metal targets specifically designed for firearms), or manufactured thrown-type clay targets (clay pigeons). (Forest Order 10-00-2010-01) **Please note:** Exploding targets are not permitted.
- You may not possess an open container of an alcoholic beverage while discharging a firearm. (Forest Order 10-00-2010-01)

In other words, only use the approved targets named above with a safe backstop. Remember a safe backstop is one that will stop a bullet. Make sure not to attach your targets to trees, slash piles, log piles, fences or other improvements. Be aware of other recreationists in the area and take extra precaution when shooting.

Local Information

The following areas are closed to shooting on the Clear Creek Ranger District:

Barbour Forks Trailhead Area: No discharging a firearm, air rifle, or gas gun except persons legally hunting turkeys, waterfowl, small game or big game animals and persons discharging paintball guns, ¼ miles in all directions from the trailhead. (UFC Order)

Beaver Brook Trailhead Area: Beaver Brook Watershed from the Old Squaw Pass Trailhead, west one mile to the intersection of the Beaver Brook Trail and the North Beaver Brook Road. No discharging a firearm, air rifle or gas gun, including paintball guns, except for persons possessing a valid Colorado hunting license lawfully involved in hunting and harvesting game. (Order No.10-07-2012-01)

Etiquette

Keep it Safe:

Follow the Four Fundamental Rules of Firearm Safety:

- Treat every gun as if as if it is loaded.
- Never let the muzzle of a firearm point at anything you do not intend to shoot.
- Keep your finger off of the trigger until your sights are on the target and you are ready to shoot.
- Always be sure of your target and what is beyond.

Keep it Clean:

- Practice Leave No Trace Principles: Remember to retrieve spent shells, target remnants including clay pigeons, and anything else you bring to the forests and grassland.

Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM)

Please use this map while on the forests and grassland to ensure you are on a road authorized for public use. The MVUM is a free, district-specific map available at all district offices.

Information on illegal activities can be reported to:

- **Clear Creek County Dispatch:** 303-679-2376
- **Gilpin County Dispatch:** 303-582-5500
- **Clear Creek Ranger District:** 303-567-3000

Remember your safety is your responsibility. Watch out for falling trees especially in bark beetle infested areas! *Dead and live trees can fall without warning.* For additional safety information visit our website at: www.fs.usda.gov/goto/arp/hazardtrees



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